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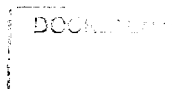
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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
GLOBAL WATER – PALO VERDE
UTILITIES COMPANY FOR THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF JUST AND
REASONABLE RATES AND CHARGES FOR
UTILITY SERVICE DESIGNED TO REALIZE
A REASONABLE RATE OF RETURN ON
THE FAIR VALUE OF ITS PROPERTY
THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF ARIZONA.

DOCKET NO. SW-20445A-12-0310

**STAFF'S REQUEST FOR PROCEDURAL
SCHEDULE AND RESPONSE TO
GLOBAL'S MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE**

On July 9, 2012, Global Water – Palo Verde Utilities Company (“Palo Verde Utilities Company” or “Company”), a division of Global Water Company (“Global”) filed an application for an increase in rates. On the same date, the six other divisions of Global filed to increase rates with the Arizona Corporation Commission (“ACC” or “Commission”). Commission Staff filed sufficiency letters for the various divisions on the following dates:

Valencia Water Company – Town Division	October 19, 2012
Global Water – Palo Verde Utilities Company	October 26, 2012
Water Utility of Northern Scottsdale, Inc.	September 26, 2012
Water Utility of Greater Tonopah	September 26, 2012
Valencia Water Company – Greater Buckeye Division	September 26, 2012
Global Water – Santa Cruz Water Company	November 7, 2012
Willow Valley Water Company	October 19, 2012

On July 13, 2012, Global Water – Palo Verde Utilities Company and the other six divisions of Global filed a motion to consolidate this docket and the six additional rate dockets that were filed on the same day and which are listed below:

Valencia Water Company – Town Division	Docket No. W-01212A-12-0309
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Water Utility of Northern Scottsdale, Inc.	Docket No. W-03720A-12-0311
Water Utility of Greater Tonopah	Docket No. W-02450A-12-0312
Valencia Water Company–Greater Buckeye Division	Docket No. W-02451A-12-0313
Global Water – Santa Cruz Water Company	Docket No. W-20446A-12-0314
Willow Valley Water Company	Docket No. W-01732A-12-0315

Staff supports the Company's motion to consolidate the above-listed dockets. Staff agrees that consolidation will promote the efficient resolution of these dockets. In addition, common issues of law and fact exist as reflected in the Company's testimony that was filed along with its application.

Staff, after conferring with the Company, requests that the Hearing Division set a procedural schedule in this docket and the other consolidated dockets as set forth below.

Staff/Intervenor Direct Testimony – Revenue Requirement & Cost of Capital	Monday, 4/29/2013
Settlement Discussions Commence	Monday, 5/13/2013
Staff/Intervenor Direct Testimony – Rate Design	Monday, 5/13/2013
Settlement Discussions Conclude	Tuesday, 5/21/2013
Settlement Agreement filed	Friday, 5/31/2013
Company Rebuttal Testimony [if no settlement]	Monday, 6/10/2013
Testimony in support or opposition to Settlement	Friday, 6/14/2013
Responsive Testimony regarding Settlement	Friday, 6/28/2013
Staff/Intervenor Surrebuttal Testimony [if no settlement]	Monday, 7/01/2013
Company Rejoinder Testimony [if no settlement]	Monday, 7/15/2013
Hearing	Mid-End July, 2013
Commission Order	Friday, 11/01/2013

The Company has authorized Staff to represent that it concurs with the schedule set forth above. Staff believes that this schedule will allow efficient and timely processing of these cases. Staff would leave all other matters not addressed herein to the sound discretion of the Hearing Officer.

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1 WHEREFORE, Staff requests that the Hearing Division issue a procedural order
2 consolidating the dockets listed above and adopting the proposed procedural schedule set forth herein
3 in this docket and the other consolidated dockets.

4 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 14th day of November, 2012.

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